(c) DPAP Projects are *suo-moto* sanctioned to programme States in tune with the prescribed criteria and taking block as unit so as to ensure parity in treatment among the blocks identified under the programme. Thereafter, selection of watershed/villages for project implementation is done by the DRDAs/ZPs at district level, as per their prioritisation and criteria laid down in the Guidelines for Watershed Development. Nevertheless, Ministry is also considerate in sanctioning new projects to those selected/prioritised blocks only as proposed by the programme States. In 2004-05, 303 projects have been sanctioned to Maharashtra in accordance with their proposal of prioritised blocks received from the Government of Maharashtra.

The projects under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) are also sanctioned on the basis of priority list of blocks/districts of the State Government, in non-DPAP/DDP blocks.

Connecting village with roads

†1094. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of such villages in Uttar Pradesh which have not been connected with concrete roads;

(b) the scheme of Central Government to connect the road-less villages to concrete roads; and

(c) by when all villages of Jharkhand State will be connected with concrete roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development does not maintain district level data on villages/ habitations connected or to be connected by all weather-roads.

(b) and (c) Rural Roads component of Bharat Nirman has a goal of providing connectivity to all villages with a population of 1000 (500 in the case of hilly or tribal areas) with an all weather road by 2009.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.